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MINIMUM STANDARD FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (CCDF) ELIGIBILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date:	October 13, 2003
Meeting Time:	10:00 A.M.
Meeting Place:	State House, 200 W. Washington St., the Senate Chamber
Meeting City:	Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number:	1

Sen. Lawson, chairperson of the subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Those present included Sen. Antich-Carr, Sharon Pierce, Rev. Day, Ellen Clippinger, Natalie Wolfe, Jan Keltz, Jan Levy, Tavia Black, Carole Stein, Marilyn Solomon, and Kathryn Williams.

Sen. Lawson summarized the goal of the meeting, determining an appropriate standard for provider eligibility for CCDF participation. There was general discussion concerning the ability to allow, and trends among states allowing, legally unlicensed child care providers to participate in CCDF.

There was lengthy discussion concerning: (a) CCDF eligibility of registered ministries, legally unlicensed providers, and school aged child care programs; (b) phasing in a CCDF

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eligibility requirement of licensure, including meeting the minimum standards for participation required currently under IC 12-17.2-3.5; (c) the content of current minimum standards; (d) types of child care currently available and changes in availability following implementation of minimum standards; (e) accreditation as a possible requirement; (f) other states' requirements for eligibility; (g) uniform licensure requirements for all child care providers in Indiana, regardless of CCDF eligibility; (h) incentives for parents to place their children with licensed child care providers; (i) child care quality and safety as primary goals of future legislation; and (j) issues to address during the 2004 legislative session and in future legislative sessions.

The subcommittee determined that its recommendation to the Board concerning the minimum standard for provider eligibility for CCDF will be presented in a draft of legislation for introduction during the 2004 legislative session. The bill draft will require, as the minimum standard for CCDF eligibility, that not later than July 1, 2006, all child care providers must be licensed according to the applicable licensure requirement, including the current minimum standards required under IC 12-17.2-3.5. The draft will amend current law to provide for licensure of providers caring for 1 to 5 children, of registered child care ministries, and of school aged child care programs, all of which may be eligible for CCDF currently without licensure. The draft will be submitted to the Board at the Board's October 22, 2003, meeting.

There was general discussion about work currently being done by a working group in consultation with Sen. Lawson to create a uniform child care provider licensure system including licensure requirements based on the number of children cared for by a provider.

There was general discussion concerning CCDF copayments and the definition of child care ministry.

With no further business to discuss, Sen. Lawson adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.